

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 195

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's state highway system and the priorities and resource allocation methods for the system.

The Department of Transportation has consistently supported the state's highways and allocated available resources in a traditional manner and has not deviated from that course. Sections 39-1365 and 39-1365.01 specifically outline the priorities of the state's transportation system as a whole.

As the state nears the completion of the designated expressway system and high-dollar projects accumulate in the higher population regions of the state, a reflection is needed on the state's current priority emphasis and what the determining factors of resource allocation should be going forward into the future.

This study should examine several factors of state highway priorities and resource allocation in Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

(1) An analysis of the current resource allocation for highways by Department of Transportation district, including the amount of revenue collected in each district and the percentage of total funding allocated back to that district;

(2) The needs of the metropolitan areas of the state with input from the metropolitan planning organizations and municipalities;

(3) Whether state resources should be expended for local collector and arterial roads to relieve congestion on state highways; and

(4) An analysis of the extension of the Build Nebraska Act and the potential use of resources under the act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.